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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her consideration of the arguments presented in the response filed on May 30, 2003.

Claims 1 to 41 are pending in this application. Claims 2-21, 27, and 35-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-21, 27, and 35-41 are free of any prior art or combination thereof and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion to rewrite claim 2 in independent form. Applicants have canceled claim 2 and have rewritten claim 1 to include the subject matter set forth in claim 2. Remaining claims 3-41 depend upon newly amended claim 1.

Claim amendments are for purposes of expediting prosecution and should not be construed as an acquiescence in any ground of rejection.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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